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Attorney General John Ashcroft
US Department of Justice
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Dear Mr. Ashcroft:

I support the settlement reached by the Department of Justice and Microsoft several months ago. This decision was reached after a long, hard three year court battle. The settlement imposed a broad series of restrictions and obligations on Microsoft, even extending to products and technologies that were not at issue in the lawsuit. Further, a "Technical Committee" has been established whereby any third party will be free to lodge a complaint. I think Microsoft has more than paid for its success. Bill Gates was simply better, quicker, faster to put his product on the market, incorporating his software into computer technology. Such success breeds jealousy.

However, it is over and done. It is time to move on. We need now to concentrate on our economy and one way to do this is to quit rehashing decisions that were made several months ago. Microsoft has contributed mightily to this country's economy, and the world's, and I think Bill Gates should now be allowed to go forward with his business and not be hampered by those who are not as good as Mr. Gates.

I might add that Bill gates has done more for the TYPEWRITER than anyone age 40 or over could ever in their wildest dreams have imagined. I was a Business Education teacher for 20 years, and taught typing, including erasures, corrections, set-up, tabulation, letter preparation, filing, financial statements, and all of those things made so simple by our Bill Gates. Yes, life is more beautiful because of Bill, and I support the settlement. Thank You.

Sincerely

Donald Erskine